
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COMMERCE LOAN FUND
2004 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SUMMARIES**

REGULAR CDBG-ED PROJECT AWARDS

Locality: **Powell County/City of Deer Lodge**
Project Number: #MT-CDBG-ED04-01

Name of Company: Sun Mountain Lumber Inc.
Project Location: Deer Lodge
Financing Date: 03/08/04

CDBG Funds:
Admin. Grant \$ 32,000
Activity Grant \$ 768,000

Other Funds:
Wells Fargo Bank \$10,050,000
Equity \$ 2,557,437
WIA \$ 200,000

Total Project **\$13,607,437**

Job Creation: 53 FTE

LMI Jobs: 27

Use of CDBG Funds: Powell County and the City of Deer Lodge were awarded \$800,000 in economic development funds. The County, which will take the lead for this project, will make a loan of \$768,000 to Sun Mountain Lumber, Inc. for working capital and will retain \$32,000 of economic development funds for County administrative expenses. Sun Mountain Lumber Inc. will create 53 full-time positions of which, 27 will be held by low and moderate-income persons. The Deer Lodge sawmill previously owned by Louisiana-Pacific, Corp., has new ownership and was renamed Sun Mountain Lumber, Inc.

Locality: **Missoula County**
Project Number: #MT-CDBG-ED04-02

Name of Company: Nurture Incorporated
Project Location: Missoula
Financing Date: 06/15/04

CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 25,000
Loan for working capital;	\$ 375,000

Other Funds:	
MAEDC Loan	\$ 195,000
Community Reinvestment Fund	\$ 995,000
Strike Partners	\$ 440,543
General Mills	<u>\$ 108,166</u>

Total Project	<u>\$2,138,709</u>
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Job Creation:	21 retained, 2 New FTEs
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LMI Jobs:	12
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Use of CDBG Funds: The Missoula County will make a loan to Nurture, Inc. to purchase and install new equipment needed to improve production capacity. Nurture, Inc. projects a high level of growth in the near future and needs assistance to purchase and install new equipment needed to improve production capacity. Nurture, Inc. is a developer and manufacturer of grain technologies for nutritional and personal care. Nurture, Inc. proposes to retain twenty-one (21) existing jobs, and create two (2) new positions, of which, at least 51% will be held by low and moderate-income persons.

Locality:	City of Ronan
Project Number	MT-CDBG-ED04-03
Name of Company:	Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC)/Mission Mountain Market
Project Location:	City of Ronan
Financing Date:	07/06/04

CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 5,000
Loan for Debt Refinancing	\$ 395,000

Other Funds:	
EDA	\$ 606,716
Stranie Ventures	\$ 406,801
LCCDC	<u>\$ 15,000</u>

Total Project:	<u>\$1,428,517</u>
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Job Creation:	16 new FTE's
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Use of CDBG funds: The City will grant \$395,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to Lake County Community Development Corporation, a non-profit community development organization, located in Ronan for the refinancing of existing debt for the Mission Mountain Market Food Manufacturing Center and Business Incubator. After debt refinancing, the Mission Mountain Market Food Manufacturing Center will be eligible for EDA financing to undergo an expansion.

Locality:	Mineral County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG04-04
Name of Company:	Big Sky Machining
Project Location:	Superior
Financing Date:	7/26/04
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 17,760
Working Capital Loan	\$210,000
Training Grant	\$ 12,000
Other Funds:	
Owner Equity	\$ 46,000
Mullan Trail Bank	<u>\$200,000</u>
Total Project:	<u>\$485,760</u>
Job Creation:	10 Jobs Retained 5 New FTE's
LMI Jobs:	9 Retained LMI 5 New FTE's

Use of CDBG Funds: Mineral County will loan \$210,000 of CDBG-ED economic development funds to Big Sky Machining, a full service machine shop that manufactures metal and plastic parts, to be located at Superior, Montana, for working capital. The County will grant up to \$12,000 to Big Sky Machining for employee training. Big Sky Machining can be reimbursed up to \$5,000 per eligible employee for documented training costs. Employees that are compensated at a minimum of \$12.18 an hour in wages and benefits are eligible.

Locality:	Stillwater County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG04-05

Name of Company:	Timberweld Manufacturing
Project Location:	Columbus
Financing Date:	10/6/04

CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 24,500
Working Capital Loan	\$325,500
Training Grant	\$ 50,000

Other Funds:	
First Interstate Bank	\$1,200,000
First Interstate Bank (LOC)	\$1,000,000

Total Project:	<u>\$2,600,000</u>
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Job Creation:	34 Jobs Retained 3-5 New FTE's
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LMI Jobs:	26 Retained LMI 3-5 New FTE's
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Use of CDBG Funds: Timberweld Manufacturing is a company that processes laminated wood beams. Stillwater County through Beartooth RC&D, will loan \$325,500 for working capital, and grant \$50,000 for on the job training to Timberweld Manufacturing. This project involves the retention of 34 jobs at the Columbus site, and the creation of an additional 3– 5 new full time positions.

CDBG-ED PLANNING GRANT AWARDS

Locality:	Glacier County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG04-01

Name of Company:	Cut Bank Airport Authority
Project Location:	Cut Bank
Financing Date:	03/08/04

CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 7,500

Other Funds:	
U. S. Dept. of Transportation	<u>\$ 22,500</u>

Total Project	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
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Job Creation: Not applicable

LMI Jobs: Not applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: Glacier County was awarded \$7,500 in economic development funds to assist the Cut Bank Airport Authority to complete a comprehensive market analysis and air service feasibility study. The intent of this proposal is to provide the City of Cut Bank and the counties of Glacier, Toole and Pondera with a study to measure traffic loss or diversion to other communities as a result of the lack of current air service. The feasibility study will provide the data necessary to plan and initiate new air service that would best suit the needs of the communities for convenient access to the National Air Transportation System, as well as provide all air service information including aircraft type, destinations, frequencies, fares and cost necessary to restart and subsidize service on a continuous basis.

Locality: **Beaverhead County**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG04-02

Project Location: Dillon
Financing Date: 03/08/04

CDBG Funds: \$ 7,500

Other Funds:
County Matching Funds \$ 22,500

Total Project \$ 30,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To develop a marketing plan for the Camp Fortunate Interpretive Center and Bicentennial Native Plant Park, and to conduct a downtown revitalization study tied to the Montana Street South road improvements project.

Locality: **Anaconda-Deer Lodge**
Project Number: #MT-CDBG-EDPG04-03

Name of Company: Community Hospital of Anaconda
Project Location: Anaconda
Financing Date: 06/15/04

CDBG Funds:
Admin. Grant \$ 15,000

Other Funds:	
Local bank	\$ 20,000
Total Project	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The Community Hospital of Anaconda plans to research and study the refinancing of the facility's current debt. This study will be used to determine if refinancing is feasible which would allow for renovations to the existing hospital building. Economic studies have emphasized that the medical community is a vital factor in the Anaconda economy by providing 219 jobs.

Locality:	McCone County
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG04-04
Name of Company:	N/A
Project Location:	McCone, Garfield, Richland, & Dawson Counties
Financing Date:	06/15/04
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 15,000
Other Funds:	
DNRC	\$ 30,000
Economic Development Agency	\$ 40,000
Local Funding	\$ 14,000
Total Project	<u>\$ 99,000</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: McCone County was awarded funds to conduct a preliminary engineering for the Dry-Redwater Rural Water System. The County also plans to complete a Comprehensive Plan for the County, and to form the water system into the Dry-Redwater Rural Water District.

Locality:	City of Wolf Point
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG04-05
Name of Company:	NA
Project Location:	Wolf Point
Financing Date:	06/15/04
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 15,000
Other Funds:	
Great Northern Development Corp.	\$ 4,000
Local sources	\$ 15,000
Total Project	<u>\$ 34,000</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To conduct a preliminary engineering report to access public facility needs for the Old Roundhouse property to allow for future development of the area. This site may be the potential location of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, a United Parcel Service office, and rental lots for recreational vehicles.

Locality:	City of Whitefish
Project Number:	#MT-CDBG-EDPG04-06
Name of Company:	N/A
Project Location:	Whitefish
Financing Date:	06/15/04
CDBG Funds:	
Admin. Grant	\$ 15,000
Other Funds:	
Economic Development Agency	\$ 35,471
City of Whitefish (other funding)	\$ 126,881
Total Project	<u>\$ 177,352</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To complete a Whitefish Downtown Business District Master Plan for its central business district. With rapid growth in the Whitefish area, this planning effort will

provide a coordinated effort to address business vitality, transportation, traffic, public facilities, environment, and growth management.

Locality:	Ravalli County
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-EDPG04-07
Name of Company:	SAFE-Supporters of Abuse Free Environment
Project Location:	Hamilton
Financing Date:	07/06/04
CDBG Funds:	
Admin Grant	\$ 8,000
Other Funds:	
Ravalli County matching funds	\$ 560
SAFE	\$ 6,500
In-kind services	\$ 988
Total Project	<u>\$16,048</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable
LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study for a small for-profit business that would be developed by SAFE and operated by participants of the SAFE Economic Independence Project Program.

Locality:	City of Hardin
Project Number:	MT-CDBG-EDPG04-08
Project Location:	Hardin
Financing Date:	07/06/04
CDBG Funds:	
Admin Grant	\$ 12,000
Other Funds:	
Beartooth RC&D (In-kind services)	\$ 18,925
Total Project	<u>\$ 30,925</u>
Job Creation:	Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: To complete a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for water and sewer service to the Hardin Industrial Park located north of the City. The PER would include access points and routing procedures. Two industries are committed to locating in the industrial park, Rocky Mountain Power, Inc. to develop a 117-megawatt generation plan, and Rocky Mountain Ethanol, Inc. that will develop a 40 million gallon ethanol facility. The new industries would provide an additional 55 new jobs to the Hardin area. A projected 350 indirect jobs will be created during the construction of these industries.

Locality: **Town of West Yellowstone**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG04-09

Project Location: West Yellowstone
Financing Date: 07/06/04

CDBG Funds:
Admin Grant \$ 15,000

Other Funds:
Town of West Yellowstone & RC&D \$ 10,000
EDA \$ 40,000
CRDC \$ 15,000
Total Project \$ 80,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The Town of West Yellowstone was awarded \$15,000 to complete economic development strategies for West Yellowstone, Gardiner and Cooke City. The application also proposes to do a joint Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Gallatin and Park Counties. Due to low tourism numbers this past winter, the communities want to enhance existing tourism activities, plan and implement new tourism activities, plan and implement non-tourism activities, and develop opportunities to market regional tourism initiatives. Proposed matching funds are provided by EDA, the Town of West Yellowstone, the Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D, and other CRDC program funds.

Locality:
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG04-10

Project Location:
Financing Date:

CDBG Funds:

Other Funds:
US EDA

Total Project \$00,000.00

Job Creation: Not Applicable
LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds:

Locality: **MEDA**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-EDPG03-03A

Project Location: Statewide
Financing Date: 04/21/04

CDBG-ED Funds: \$25,000

Other Funds:
CDBG – Public Facilities/Housing \$25,000

Total Project \$50,000

Job Creation: Not Applicable

LMI Jobs: Not Applicable

Use of CDBG Funds: The Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) was contracted for \$25,000 to conduct a minimum of 12 community assessments around Montana within the next year (July 1, 2004– June 30, 2005). Resource teams visit rural communities for one to two day objective assessments. Communities that received Resources Team Assessment will be actively involved in the determination of community assets, areas for improvement, and future goals.

Locality: **SBDC**
Project Number: MT-CDBG-MOA-04-01

Project Location:	Small Business Development Center Bureau
Financing Date:	04/21/04

CDBG-ED Funds:	\$105,000
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Other Funds:

Total Project	<u>\$105,000</u>
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Job Creation:	Not Applicable
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LMI Jobs:	Not Applicable
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Use of CDBG Funds: Providing funds to the Small Business Development Center Bureau (SBDC) for its Montana Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Outreach Program, and the MicroBusiness Development Corporations (MBDC) programs, through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).